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#### U.S. House of Representatives 111<sup>th</sup> Congress

### MEMBER / OFFICER POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for meetings, speaking engagements, fact-finding trips or similar events in connection with official duties. You need not disclose government-funded or political travel on this form, or travel that is unrelated to official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report all privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual Financial Disclosure Statement. In accordance with clause 5 of House Rule 25, complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House of Representatives, B-106 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed. The Clerk is to make these forms available to the public as soon as possible after they are received.

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	Name of Traveler: Congresswoman Diana DeGette
2.	a. Name of Accompanying Family Member (if any):
	b. Relationship to Member/Officer: Spouse Child Other (specify):
3.	a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: February 15-21, 2010
	b. Dates at personal expense (if any):
4.	Itinerary (cities of departure – destination – return):  Denver, CO-Madrid-Denver, CO
5.	Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): the Aspen Institute Congressional Program
6.	Describe meetings and events attended (attach additional pages if necessary): See attached
7.	Attached to this form are EACH of the following (signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box):
	a. the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form completed by trip sponsor, including all attachments;
	b. the Traveler Form completed by the Member or officer; and
	c. the Committee on Standards' letter approving my participation on this trip.
8.	a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the sponsor's agenda. (Signify that statement is true by checking box):
	b. If not, explain:

9. TRIP EXPENSES: Obtain actual dollar amounts from the sponsor. If exact dollar amounts are unavailable by the due date, provide a good faith estimate and file an amended form once the correct amounts are received.

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses
For Member or Officer:	\$4,746.80	\$1,650	\$600
For accompanying family member:	9		

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Specific Nature of Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For Member or Officer:		
For accompanying family member:		

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses listed above were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or Officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

SIGNATURE OF MEMBER:

DATE: Z-25-10

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## PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM For Members, Officers, and Employees TTEE ON STANDARUS

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection. *Please type form.* Form (and any attachments) may be faxed to the Committee at (202) 225-7392.

### YOUR COMPLETED REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE COMMITTEE NO LESS THAN 14 DAYS BEFORE YOUR PROPOSED

**DEPARTURE DATE**. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will <u>not</u> be granted for requests received less than 14 days before the trip commences.

Name of Traveler: Diana L. DeGette
I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.  Signature:
Name of Signatory (if other than traveler):
For staff, name of employing Member/Committee:
Office address: 2335 Rayburn House Office Building
Phone number: 202-225-4431
Email address of contact person: isra.pananon@mail.house.gov
☐ Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet and the traveler is a Member traveling to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity <u>and</u> these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 14 days before the trip departure date.
NOTE: You must complete the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.
If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee:
Committee on Standards of Official Conduct U.S. House of Representatives HT-2, The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 (202) 225-7103 (phone) (202) 225-7392 (fax)

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#### U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Standards of Official Conduct

#### PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL: TRAVELER FORM

1.	Name of Traveler: Diana DeGette
2.	Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): The Aspen Institute Congressional Program
3.	Travel destination(s): Madrid, Spain
4.	a. Date of Departure and Date of Return: Departure: February 15, 2010, Return: February 21, 2010
	b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? ☐ Yes ☑ No
	If yes, dates at personal expense: n/a
5.	a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? ☐ Yes ☑ No
	b. If yes, name of accompanying family member: n/a
	c. Relationship to traveler:  Spouse  Other (specify): n/a
6.	a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(c) on the Trip Sponsor form (i.e., the travel is being sponsored by an entity that employs a lobbyist)? ☐ Yes ☑ No
	<ul> <li>b. If yes, check one of the following: □ N/A – Sponsor checked 9(a) or 9(b)</li> <li>(1) Approval for one-night's lodging and meals is being requested: □ or</li> <li>(2) Approval for two-nights' lodging and meals is being requested: □ If "(2)" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted: n/a</li> </ul>
7.	Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments ( <i>indicate that form is attached by checking box</i> ):
8.	Explain why participation in the trip is connected to <u>your</u> individual official or representational duties: This non-partisan educational forum will address US-Russia relations; an issue I have
	been working on for the past few years.
9.	FOR STAFF: TO BE COMPLETED BY YOUR EMPLOYING MEMBER:
	I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.
	Date: 12/11/2009
	Signature of Employing Member

NOTE: This page must be submitted with your post-travel disclosure form within 15 days of your return, so you should maintain a photocopy of the completed form for your records.

#### U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Standards of Official Conduct

### PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM (provide directly to each House invitee)

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a Traveler Form. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. You must answer every question on the form.

1.	Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): The Aspen Institute Congressional Program (AICP)			
	I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a federally-registered lobbyist or a registered foreign agent (Signify that the statement is true by checking box):			
3	I represent that the trip sponsor(s) has not accepted from any other source funds earmarked directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip (Signify that the statement is true by checking box):			
4.	Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)? 🔯 Yes 🔲 No			
5.	Provide names and titles of ALL House invitees; for each invitee, provide explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary): see attached list			
6.	Dates of travel: February 15-21, 2010			
7.	Cities of departure - destination - return: Washington, DC or home state to Madrid, Spain and return to either Washington, DC or home state			
8.	Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities taking place during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities) (Signify "yes" by checking box):			
9.	<ul> <li>I represent that (check one of the following):</li> <li>a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965:  or</li> <li>b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent:  or</li> <li>c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist/foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was de minimis under the Committee's travel regulations.</li> </ul>			
10.	If travel is for participation in a one-day event (i.e., if you checked Question 9(c)), check one of the following:  a. N/A – I checked 9(a) or (b) above:  b. One-night's lodging and meals are being offered:  c. Two-nights' lodging and meals are being offered:  If "c" is checked, explain why the second night is warranted:			

11.	Check one:  a. I represent that a federally-registered lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (Signify that the statement is true by checking box):   or				
	b. N/A – trip sponsor is an institution of higher education.				
12.	Private sponsors must have a direct and immediate relationship to the purpose of the trip or location being visited. Describe the purpose of the trip and the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:				
	The AICP's purpose is to provide non-partisan educational forums for Members of Congress on public policy issues.				
13.	(commercial, charter, or privately owned) and class of travel (coach, business class, first class, etc.):				
	Coach or special business class fare on commerical airlines				
	b. If travel will be first class or by chartered or private aircraft, provide an explanation describing why such				
10	travel is warranted:				
14.	I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). (Signify that the statement is true by checking box):				
15.	I represent that either (check one of the following):				
	a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized without regard to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees:   or				
	b. The trip involves events that are arranged <i>specifically with regard</i> to congressional participation: If "b" is checked, detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \$120 per day, per person				
16	Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:				
	European venue so Russians & Europeans can participate				
17	Name of hotel or other lodging facility: The Ritz Hotel, Madrid, Spain				
18	Cost per night of hotel or other lodging facility (approximate cost may be provided):\$330 per night				
19	Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility: security, conference facilities, communications				

#### 20. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

actual amounts  XXgood faith estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Meal</i> Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$4,000	\$1,650	\$600
For each accompanying family member	\$4,000	0	\$600

	Other Expenses (dollar amount)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	none	
For each accompanying family member	none	

- 21. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment (signify that the statement is true by checking box):
- 22. I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:	Man Control			
Name and title:	Dick Clark, Director, Congressional Program			
Organization:	The Aspen Institute			
Address:	One Dupont Circle, N.W., Suite 700, Washington, D.C. 20036			
Telephone number:	202-736 5825			
Fax number:	202-785-2737			
Email Address:	dick.clark@aspeninstitute.org			

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The Committee staff may contact the above individual if additional information is required.

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### Attachment to Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form Ouestion #5 on the Certification:

#### Members of the House invited:

- Rep. Roscoe Bartlett, R-MD, member of the Armed Services and Science and Technology Committees
- 2. Rep. Howard Berman, D-CA, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee
- 3. Rep. Tom Cole, R-OK, member of the Appropriations Committee
- 4. Rep. Jim Cooper, D-TN, member of the Armed Services Committee
- 5. Rep. Diana DeGette, D-CO, member of the Energy and Commerce and Natural Resources Committees.
- 6. Rep. Norm Dicks, D-WA, member of the Appropriations Committee
- Rep. Lloyd Doggett, D-TX, member of the Budget and Ways and Means Committees
- Rep. Maurice Hinchey, D-NY, member of the Appropriations, Natural Resources and Joint Economic Committees
- Rep. Zoe Lofgren, D-CA, member of the Homeland Security and Judiciary Committees
- 10. Rep. George Miller, D-CA, Chair of the Democratic Policy Committee and Chair of the Education Committee
- 11. Rep. Jim Oberstar, D-MN, Chair of the Transportation Committee
- 12. Rep. David Obey, D-WI, Chair of the Appropriations Committee
- 13. Rep. Lucille Roybal-Allard, D-CA, member of the Appropriations Committee
- 14. Rep. Jan Schakowsky, D-IL, member of the Energy and Commerce and Select Intelligence Committees
- 15. Rep. Adam Schiff, D-CA, member of the Appropriations, Judiciary and Select Intelligence Committees
- 16. Rep. Cliff Stearns, R-FL, member of the Energy and Commerce and Veterans' Affairs Committees
- 17. Rep. John Tierney, D-MA, member of the Select Intelligence and Oversight and Government Reform Committees.
- 18. Rep. Henry Waxman, D-CA, Chair of the Energy and Commerce Committee
- 19. Rep. Ed Whitfield, R-KY, member of the Energy and Commerce Committee



# U.S.-Russia Relations: Policy Challenges for the Congress

THE ASPEN INSTITUTE CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM

February 15-21, 2010 Madrid, Spain

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#### Monday, February 15

Participants depart the United States

#### Tuesday, February 16

Participants arrive

7:00-9:00pm

Working Dinner in the Salon Alfonso on the Ground Floor **Introduction to the Conference by Dick Clark** 

(Seating is arranged to expose participants to diverse views and provide an opportunity for an exchange of ideas on conference topics. Scholars and lawmakers are rotated daily)

MEETING SITE WILL BE THE SALON REAL ON THE GROUND FLOOR

Funding for this project is provided by the Carnegie Corporation of New York, the Ford, Hewlett, Luce, MacArthur, and Hewlett foundations, and the Rockefeller Brothers Fund

#### Wednesday, February 17

8:00-9:00 am Breakfast buffet in the Salon Felipe on the Ground Floor

(Scholars will meet for a briefing at a separate table)

9:00 am Framework of the Conference

Dick Clark

9:15 am Roundtable Discussion:

RUSSIA BACK AT THE CENTER OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY

Tom Graham, former Senior Director of Russian Affairs at the NSC

A careful examination of the stakes the United States has in relations with Russia, the challenges Russia poses for U.S. policy, and both the chance for and obstacles to a closer and more constructive relationship between the two countries. Where do things stand with the agenda the two presidents set nine months ago at the London G-20 summit, and what items on it will

require congressional attention over the next several months?

10:45 am Coffee break on the terrace

11:00 am Session resumes

12:15 pm Policy implications from the morning discussion

(Members of Congress)

1:00 pm Working lunch in the Salon Felipe

(Discussion continues)

2:30 pm Lunch concludes

3:00-4:00 pm Meetings will be scheduled between Members of Congress and individual

scholars

7:00-9:00 pm Working Dinner

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#### Thursday, February 18

8:00-9:00 am

Breakfast buffet in the Salon Felipe

9:00 am

Roundtable Discussion:

ADDRESSING THE NUCLEAR THREAT: RUSSIA, PART OF THE SOLUTION OR PART OF THE PROBLEM?

Steve Miller, Harvard University

A broad-scope consideration of the fundamental issues raised by the next phase of strategic nuclear arms control negotiations, assuming a successfully concluded follow-on framework agreement to START I—including the relationship of offensive to defensive systems (i.e., the role of ballistic missile defense). That is one half of the challenge. The other, more imminent issue is salvaging and then strengthening the nuclear non-proliferation regime on the road to the 2010 NPT Review Conference, including the prevention of a nuclear Iran and North Korea. Russia and the United States are the two key players in both realms. To what extent are they playing together or against one another?

10:45 am

Coffee break

11:00 am

Session resumes

12:15 pm

Policy implications from the morning discussion

(Members of Congress)

1:00 pm

Working lunch in the Salon Felipe

(Discussion continues)

2:30 pm

Lunch concludes

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Meetings will be scheduled between Members of Congress and individual

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7:00-9:00 pm

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#### Friday, February 19

8:00-9:00 am

Breakfast buffet in the Salon Felipe

9:00 am

Roundtable Discussion:

U.S.—RUSSIA RELATIONS: ADDRESSING THE LINKED CHALLENGES OF ENERGY SECURITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Angela Stent, Georgetown University

There are three large, tightly linked issue areas that are at a critical stage and that need to be given a fresh and far-reaching look. In all three areas U.S.-Russia cooperation is crucial. They are:

- (1) energy security (whether the interaction between the United States and Russia over gas and oil in the post-Soviet space, including over pipeline, is going to be competitive or cooperative);
- (2) the development of hydrocarbons in the Arctic (as much as 20% of world reserves) and the disputed claims to them can be mitigated and a cooperative approach developed; and
- (3) climate change (cooperation among the U.S.-China-Russia, the three countries responsible for 45% of greenhouse emissions, is key to dealing with climate change, and we will have an indication from what has happened at the Copenhagen UN Conference on Climate Change in December 2009 of whether that is possible).

10:45 am

Coffee break

11:00 am

Session resumes

12:15 pm

Policy implications from the morning discussion

(Members of Congress)

1:00 pm

Working lunch in the Salon Felipe

(Discussion continues)

2:30 pm

Lunch concludes

3:00-4:00 pm

Meetings will be scheduled between Members of Congress and scholars

7:00-9:00 pm

Working Dinner

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#### Saturday, February 20:

8:00-9:00 am

Breakfast buffet in the Salon Felipe

9:00 am

Roundtable Discussion:

SQUARING U.S. POLICY TOWARD RUSSIA WITH U.S. INTERESTS IN THE LARGER POST-SOVIET SPACE

Steven Pifer, Brookings Institution

How can U.S. efforts to put the U.S.-Russian relationship on a different and more positive basis be reconciled with U.S. efforts to address Georgian and Ukrainian security concerns, to develop extensive energy partnerships with Russia's neighbors, and to provide material and technical assistance to democratic institution building in the region? A number of issues in which members of congress and their constituents will have an interest (e.g., dealing with the political and economic gridlock in Ukraine, providing assistance, including military assistance, to postwar Georgia, promoting alternative pipeline routes out of the Caspian region, etc.) will continue to hang fire. How should they be addressed?

10:45 am

Coffee break

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Session resumes

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Policy implications from the morning discussion

(Members of Congress)

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Working Dinner

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#### Sunday, February 21

Participants depart this morning TRAVEL DAY

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#### U.S. House of Representatives

COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS OF OFFICIAL CONDUCT

Washington, DC 20515-6328

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SUITE HT-2, THE CAPITOL (202) 225-7103

The Honorable Diana DeGette U.S. House of Representatives 2335 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Standards of Official Conduct hereby approves your proposed trip to Spain scheduled for February 15 to 21, 2010, sponsored by the Aspen Institute and supported by the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

You must complete a Member Travel Disclosure Form and file it with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are required to attach a copy of this letter and the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form, including attachments. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$335 from a single source on Schedule VII of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act, gifts "of minimal value [currently \$335] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of \$335 received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Zoe Lofgren Chair Sincerely,

Jo Bonner Ranking Republican Member

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